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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Michihito KUMAYAMA

Serial No. Group Art Unit:

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For: STAPLER AND CONNECTED STAPLE ASSEMBLY CASSETTE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: